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SUBJECT: TANZANIA CONDEMNS ANGOLAN VIOLENCE

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1. IN HARD HITTING EDITORIAL APRIL 2, TANU PARTY
SWAHILI-LANGUAGE DAILY, UHURU, CONDEMNED RECENT FIGHTING
IN LUANDA BETWEEN MPLA AND FNLA, SAYING THAT INTER-
PARTY STRUGGLE PUT IN JEOPARDY FRUITS OF HARDWON
INDEPENDENCE, AND RECALLED BLOODSHED WHICH AFRICA
WITNESSED IN CONGO AFTER THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE.
AFRICA HAS GROWN UP POLITICALLY NOW, EDITORIAL SAID,
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AND CANNOT PERMIT USELESS SHEDDING OF BLOOD. OAU

MUST THEREFORE SEEK WAYS OF AVOIDING THIS CALAMITY IN ANGOLA, AND ANGOLAN QUESTION MUST THEREFORE BE ONE OF MAJOR TOPICS AT OAU MINISTERS MEETING BEGINNING APRIL 7. PEOPLE OF ANGOLA SHOULD GIVE THE EXAMPLE AND FORGET THEIR DIFFERENCES, FOR IT WOULD BE A GREAT DISASTER FOR ALL OF AFRICA IF FRUITS OF ANGOLAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE BE DISTURBED BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VARIOUS PEOPLE OR A PLOT BY LACKEYS OF OUTSIDE IMPERIALISM. "ANGOLANS DO NOT LET YOURSELF BE DECEIVED. DISTURBANCES IN ANGOLA WILL BENEFIT ONLY THE IMPERIALISTS."

2. COMMENT: EDITORIAL IS MOST NOTABLE FOR ITS FAILURE TO TAKE THE SIDE OF MPLA, WHICH HAS HITHERTO BEEN TANZANIA'S FAVORITE IN THE ANGOLAN SWEEPSTAKES. NOR HAS MPLA "SIDE" OF DISPUTE WITH FNLA BEEN GIVEN PUBLIC AIRING IN THE PRESS, AS USED TO BE THE CASE. THIS IS IN ACCORD WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE'S COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR (REFTEL) THAT TANZANIA NOW PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH SEEKING TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA, RATHER THAN IN BACKING MPLA. CARTER

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